

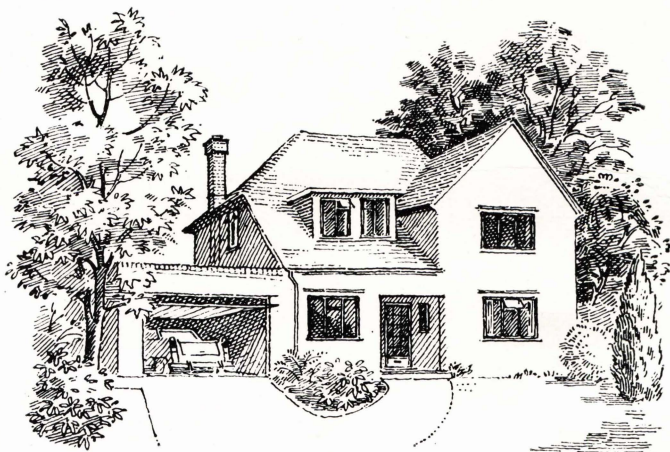


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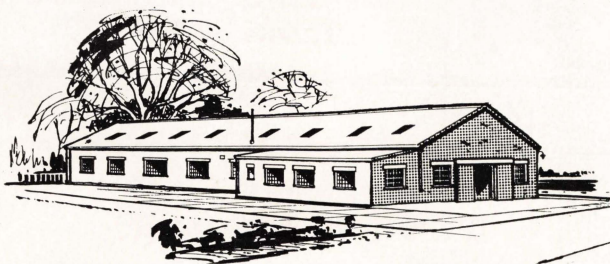
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Introduction

SOUTHBOROUGH is healthily situated nearly four hundred feet above the valley of the river Medway among the green hills of Kent. Since the closing days of the 19th century, Southborough has been steadily growing in popularity as a residential centre with all the amenities of a modern urban district and all the delights of a rural setting in the beautiful "Garden of Kent."

Southborough is 2 miles north of Royal Tunbridge Wells and 3 miles south of the ancient town of Tonbridge on the Medway. Broad stretches of delightfully wooded countryside separate the towns. Southborough is thus the centre of numerous charming walks and a convenient touring base for the counties of Kent and Sussex. The town itself is excellent for shopping, and not only are Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells easily accessible, but the resident or visitor can quickly reach London, 33 miles distant.

The railway station for Southborough is High Brooms, to the south-east of the town, but many passengers find it more convenient to get out of the train at Tonbridge or Tunbridge Wells station and travel to their destination in Southborough by bus. The journey by rail to London takes less than an hour, and trains run at convenient times for those who wish to live in Southborough and work in London. There is also a half-hourly coach service to and from London and London Airport via Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and Bromley, and a frequent local service to Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. There are many coach tours from Southborough to the Kent and Sussex seaside towns and the countryside. The main bus stops are in London Road—at the drinking fountain on the Common, near the Council Offices and at the junction of Yew Tree Road.

THE COAT OF ARMS

The Coat of Arms on the cover and the title page was adopted by the Urban District Council to mark the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The motto "*Propria Tuemur*" (We look after what is ours) was added in 1962.



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Southborough

Healthily situated among the green hills of Kent

SOUTHBOROUGH was formerly governed by a local Board of Health set up in 1871, but under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1894, the town was constituted an Urban District and was separated from the parish of Tonbridge to form a distinct civil parish. The area of the Urban District is 1,759 acres, and the population is estimated to be about 9,750.

During the present century, especially in the period between the wars, building development in Southborough went forward rapidly and well-planned houses were erected on a number of carefully laid out housing estates. Approximately one hundred acres of magnificently situated land has recently been developed at the Great Bounds Estate on the north of the town. Redevelopment of parts of the built-up area is proceeding and modern houses and flats are being built on attractive sites. Fifty-four houses were built by the Council under the Housing Act, 1924. By 1964 the Council has provided 634 post-war houses and flats (604 permanent and 30 temporary).

The main business and shopping centre of Southborough is the London Road, but even here many houses have retained their front gardens, and throughout the whole town the ample garden space provided for the houses adds to Southborough's attractive appearance. Amongst the pleasant local industries are cricket-ball making, photographic printing and horticulture.

The Council has taken care to preserve ample acreage as permanent open spaces for recreation and sport, but the town's greatest asset in this respect is the beautiful Southborough Common. Although Southborough Common is less extensive than at Tunbridge Wells, it is more varied in character. Part of it has been levelled and the ground of the Cricket Club is situated here. On the north of the Common most of the trees are oaks; to the west are pines; silver birches predominate in the south-west; and overhanging the old gravel

pit are great, grey-trunked beeches. Colour is given to the scene at any season of the year and in any weather by the shiny-leaved holly trees, patches of bracken and heather, great stretches of golden gorse and grey-green juniper bushes (undersood to be the only juniper colony in the Wealds of Kent and Sussex). The high road beside the Common is shaded by an Avenue of limes and plane trees, and some of the sturdy old oak trees of the Common guard the War Memorial which stands above the cricket ground.

Early visitors to the famous chalybeate springs at Tunbridge Wells are reported to have stayed at Southborough, and there is in fact a chalybeate spring in Doric Avenue, Southborough, a few yards from the main London Road.

Southborough is recognised as a particularly healthy locality. The climate is as exhilarating as that along the coast 30 miles away, but the town's inland situation makes the air milder than at places directly exposed to sea-breezes. Southborough is also free from dampness and fogs and has a high sunshine record. The soil is a rich loam and the subsoil of a porous sandy nature. The district is essentially suitable for people suffering from rheumatism in its various forms.

County Library, Southborough.



In the Town To-day

Some notable buildings old and new

SEVERAL notable buildings of various periods from Tudor to the present century add interest to the urban district, the most important of them being described below.

SIR DAVID SALOMON'S HOUSE (formerly Broomhill) is a fine mansion which, for many years, was the seat of Sir David Salomons, Bart. It is now owned by the Tunbridge Wells Group Hospital Management Committee, and used as a convalescent home. A room has been set aside for a collection of interesting mementoes of the Salomons family and these may be viewed by the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The stables, built in the French Renaissance style are of considerable architectural interest.

YE OLDE WEAVERS, London Road, now a restaurant, is a sixteenth-century building, historically associated, as the name implies with immigrant Flemish weavers.

MABLEDON PARK, near the Southborough and Tonbridge boundary, is a large mansion built about 1820 for his own use, by James Burton, the founder of St. Leonards-on-Sea. It later became the home of the Deacon family, the famous bankers, and is now a Rest Home for Clergy.

John Wesley is reported to have preached on a number of occasions at LITTLE BOUNDES, just north of Southborough Common.

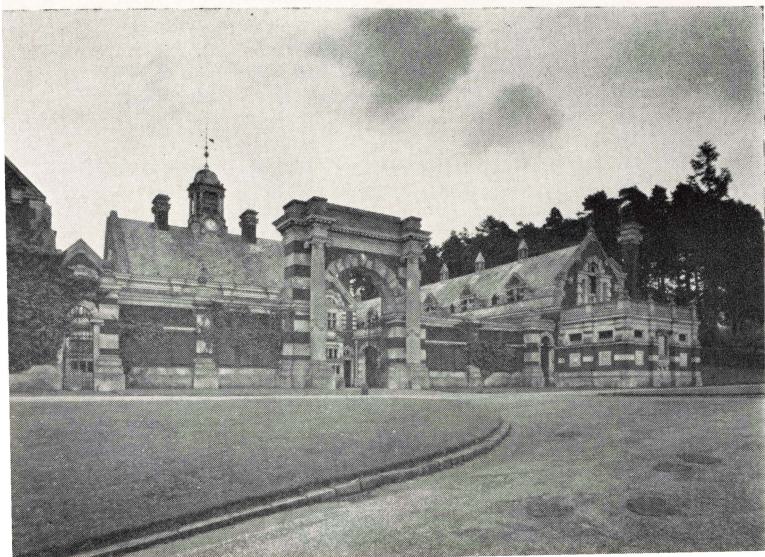
Dispersed throughout the district are 17th and 18th century houses and cottages. STUART COTTAGE is a picturesque example of the older buildings, while among modern buildings of note is a finely built DR. BARNARDO'S HOME. Both of these are in London Road.

THE ALMSHOUSES are a modern block of buildings standing back from the main road. The tenements consist of flats erected in three blocks, and give accommodation for eight single women, eight single men, and four married couples.



Ye Olde Weavers (E. A. Sweetman & Son, Ltd.)

*The Stables, David Salomon's House
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Each flat contains two rooms, with separate offices. They were endowed and erected out of the estate of the late Mr. C. J. Gallard, in accordance with the terms of his will and opened on 23rd October, 1912. The Trustees are the Vicars of St. Peter's and St. Thomas's and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council.

As part of the redevelopment of the centre of the town the Council have erected blocks of four storey maisonettes and flats on land adjoining the Council Offices in a cul-de-sac named Hythe Close. A plaque at the entrance to the Close commemorates the fact that it was so named as a tribute to the men of Southborough and High Brooms who lost their lives in the sinking of H.M.S. Hythe at Gallipoli on 28th October, 1915.

Another modern building of note is the Kent County Library in Yew Tree Road which, with the adjoining Police Station was the subject of Civic Trust Amenity Awards in 1962.

MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISE

SOUTHBOROUGH is too modern to have many buildings of interest to antiquaries, but one of its buildings has made history and shows the enterprising spirit of the local people. This is the spacious Royal Victoria Hall and Theatre, opened in 1900, which was the first Municipal Theatre built in England under the Local Government Act, 1894. It was erected to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

The theatre has an excellent stage, 40 feet wide by 25 feet deep, with complete fit-up scenery, etc. The hall is 55 feet long, 40 feet wide and 25 feet high, with balcony, and has seating accommodation for upwards of 450 people. The premises include a lobby, ticket offices and refreshment bar, with green-room and dressing rooms behind the stage.

The cost of the building was £5,000, towards which the late Sir David Salomons, Bart., a local landowner contributed £3,000.

The Royal Victoria Hall and Theatre may be hired for public meetings, stage plays, whist drives, and other social functions, upon application to the Clerk of the Urban District Council.



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*The Proscenium of the Royal Victoria Hall and Theatre
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More recently the Council have acquired the Manor of Southborough which includes Southborough Common.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The Southborough Cricket Club's finely situated ground is on Southborough Common, where cricket has been played for more than 100 years.

In 1965 the Council opened the Pennington Grounds which are on the east side of London Road opposite the Common. These include tennis courts, bowling greens, a putting course and a children's playground.

The Southborough Tennis Club also has courts in London Road.

Three local football clubs who have pitches on the Yew Tree Road Playing Fields are well supported.

Golfers have the choice of four golf courses within easy reach of Southborough. These being the Tunbridge Wells, Spa, Nevill and Tonbridge Golf Clubs, and are all open to visitors at moderate fees.

Facilities for billiards and other indoor games are provided at the Southborough Men's Club and Institute in Western Road and the High Brooms Working Men's Club and Institute in High Brooms Road. The Southborough Youth Centre in Crundwell Road is a modern and well equipped building. There are cinemas in Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

The Kent County Cricket Club holds an annual cricket week at Tunbridge Wells in June.

Angling and boating are available on the river Medway at Tonbridge; further information about angling may be obtained from the Tonbridge and District Angling and Fish Preservation Society or from Messrs. Berkeley's, 82, London Road, Southborough.

The Tunbridge Wells and S.E. Counties Agricultural Show is held annually for two days (usually in July).

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

The Friendly Societies Movement is represented here by Courts of the Ancient Order of Foresters, Lodges of Odd-

fellows, and branches of the Independent Order of Rechabites, the Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society, the National Deposit Friendly Society, and the Hearts of Oak Society. There are also lodges of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, the Ancient Order of Druids, and the International Order of Good Templars.

There are local branches of the British Legion, Toc H and the Townswomen's Guild, and a very active Old People's Welfare Committee. Addresses of the Secretaries are obtainable at the Council Offices.

SCHOOLS

The Kent Education Committee's schools include a finely constructed Secondary Modern School at The Ridgeway and an Infants' School and a junior Boys' School in Powder Mill Lane. Also there is a Church of England Junior Mixed School on the Common, an Infants' School in Charles Street, and a Junior Girl's School in Great Brooms Road. Amongst the independent schools for younger boys and girls, are Brooklands School in Pennington Road and Hillycroft School in Park Road.

In Tunbridge Wells are the Skinners' Company School for boys, the County Grammar School for girls and the Convent of the Sacred Heart for girls, which are all secondary schools recognised by the Ministry of Education and Science.

At Tonbridge there are three secondary grammar schools—the County Grammar School for girls, under the Kent Education Committee; Tonbridge School (a well-known public school for boys) under the direction of the Worshipful Company of Skinners; and the Judd School, founded in 1888 and endowed from the funds of the Foundation of Sir Andrew Judd, who founded and endowed Tonbridge School under a charter of Edward VI in 1553.

The Kent Education Committee has Technical Secondary Schools at Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. The West Kent Technical College, recently erected in St. John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, is close to the Urban District boundary.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

All the churches in Southborough are modern, the oldest being St. Peter's on the Common. The parish of St. Peter was formed from the civil parish of Tonbridge in 1831, and the church register dates from 1830. Southborough's population at that time was only a little over a thousand.

The development of the town necessitated the erection, in 1871, of Christ Church, Prospect Road, as a chapel of ease to St. Peter's. In that same year, St. Peter's parish was divided and St. Thomas's parish was formed, St. Thomas's Church, in Pennington Road, having been erected at the sole cost of the late Mrs. Pugh. St. Matthew's Church, High Brooms, was built in 1902, when this new parish was formed from St. Peter's.

Nonconformist churches include a Methodist church in London Road, and Bethel Chapels in High Brooms Road and Western Road.

PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES

The Southborough Urban District Council owns the local sewage disposal works. Practically the whole of the district is on the main drainage system. House refuse is collected weekly.

WATER is supplied by Tunbridge Wells Corporation, mainly from springs and from deep boring. It has a high degree of bacterial purity, and is of excellent organic quality and slightly chalybeate.

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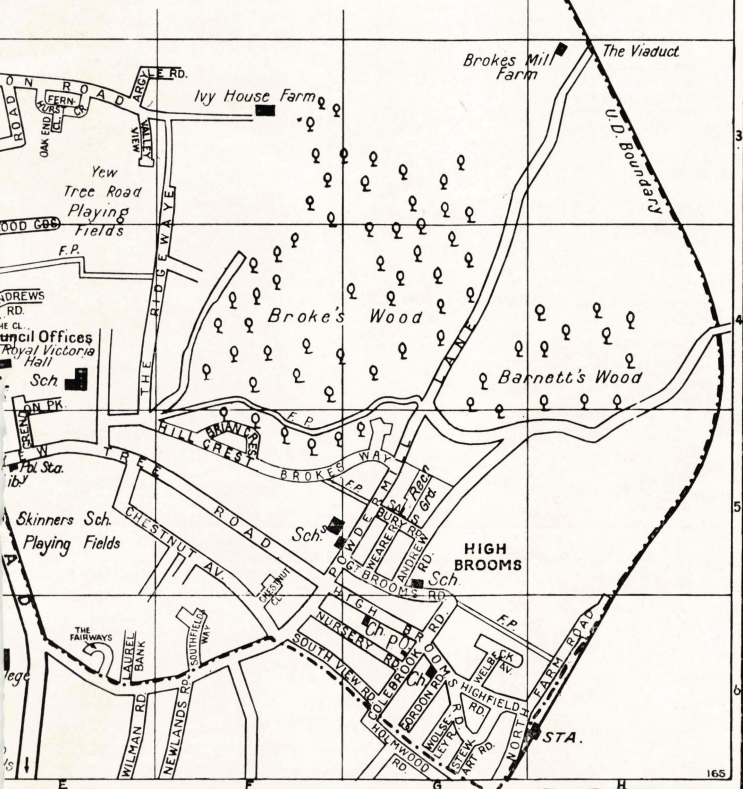
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PLAN OF THBOROUGH

Scale of 1/2 mile

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Based upon the Ordnance Survey Maps with the sanction of the Controller of H.M. Stationery Office.

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ROAD DISTANCES FROM SOUTHBOROUGH

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East Grinstead	17½	Rochester	21¾
Folkestone	48½	Sheerness	36¾
Gravesend	23½	Tonbridge	3
Hastings	29½	Tunbridge Wells	2
Hrsoham	36½	Worthing	44

In the Near Neighbourhood

ONE of the chief attractions of Southborough, for visitors and residents alike, is its splendid situation as a centre for walks and short excursions. Starting from the drinking fountain, which is the chief stopping place for buses on the London Road, are many easy walks to tempt pedestrians.

To the west, down Holden Road, up Trotting Hill, and then by one of the two pretty routes to TUNBRIDGE WELLS—one quite short to St. John's, and the other by Broomhill Estate around to Bishop's Down and out to Tunbridge Wells Common. Royal Tunbridge Wells is a fascinating town, its famous Spa rich in regal and literary associations. The Pantiles, facing the Church of King Charles the Martyr, have changed little since Georgian times. There are fine modern civic buildings and the Calverley Grounds are excellently sited and beautifully kept as a public park and sports ground.

Or another route, turning off by the small gate from Trotting Hill, across a park, a roadway, and three meadows, over a little bridge, and up the hill to where Speldhurst Church tops the scene. SPELDHURST (3 miles) is a pretty village of black-and-white houses with a 19th-century church containing beautiful Burne-Jones windows. The inn opposite the church has many interesting features, including the 13th-century Oak Room. From this point either take a bus to Tunbridge Wells or return by road through Stockland Green, Modest Corner, and Victoria Road, across the Common to your starting place.

North-west, through a sheltered woodland way, is BIDBOROUGH, which has an interesting church, dating from Norman times, and some timbered houses. Return by Bidborough Ridge, with its extensive views of the Medway Valley, on to the London Road, and down hill to Southborough.

TONBRIDGE contains much of interest, including the Castle, the Grammar School, Chequers Inn, the Port Reeve's house, and charming walks beside the River Medway. The Castle was built in Henry I's reign and the tower and dungeon are shown from 1st April—31st October, admission 6d.

There is another delightful walk north-east by Vauxhall Lane, a lovely winding way with many charming views, to

a lodge gate of SOMERHILL, a picturesque 17th-century house in delightful surroundings. From here you may either go on by the old postern road, crossing the river, and return by way of Tonbridge, or, after passing through the park and out of the upper lodge gate, walk for a short distance up the high road to PEMBURY, turn in by a farm on the hilltop, and descend by woods and fields of great beauty to the Viaduct, and continue up Pennington Road. From the end of Pennington Lane there is a pathway through the woods to Power Mill Lane, and so round to the high road at the south end of Southborough.

OLD SOAR MANOR, 5 miles beyond Tonbridge off the Ightham Road at Plaxtol, is National Trust property and comprises the solar block of a late 13th-century knight's dwelling. It is open Easter to September 30. Weekdays from 9.30, Sundays from 2.00. Closes 5.30 Easter—April 30, 7.00 May—Sept. Closed Oct.—Easter. Admission 6d., Children 3d.

IGHTHAM MOTE, 2 miles south of Ightham village, is one of the best examples of a moated manor house. Open Fridays, April—October, 2.0-5.0, November—March, from 2.30-dusk. Admission 2/6d., Children 1/-.

PENSHURST is only four miles from Southborough and is, emphatically, one of the show places which no visitor should miss. The village itself, full of half-timbered Tudor houses, is of unequalled charm, but the great attraction is PENSHURST PLACE, seat of Viscount de L'Isle, V.C. This stone Manor-house, built c. 1340 with Elizabethan additions, stands in beautifully laid out grounds and park of some 350 acres. It contains the Great Hall and State Apartments, open to the public from early April to mid-October each Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays, from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission, House and gardens, 3/6d., Children 2/-; Sundays, 5/-, Children 2/6d. The Great Hall and Long Gallery are the chief features of the mansion, with valuable collections of paintings, including portraits of Sir Philip and Sir Algernon Sidney, armour and various mementoes of the chivalrous and distinguished family to which these great men belonged.

Some may like, while on this excursion, to visit the attractive village of HEVER, with its moated castle, reached from

Penshurst through the somewhat secluded hamlet of Chiddingstone.

Hever Castle was restored some years ago by Mr. William Waldorf Astor. The original building was for long the home of Anne Boleyn, afterwards the beautiful Queen of Henry VIII and mother of the Princess Elizabeth. Open Easter to Sept. 29. Weds., Suns. and Bank Hols., also Sats. in Aug. and Sept. Gardens 1.0-7.0, Castle 2.0-7.0. Admission, Castle and gardens 5/-. Children 2/-; Gardens only 2/6d., Children 1/-. (No admission after 6.0).

In Hever village, outside the Castle gates, stands the church in which may be seen the altar-tomb, with fine brass, of Sir Thomas Boleyn, father of the ill-fated Anne. See also the extremely beautiful brass to Margaret Cheyne.

CHIDDINGSTONE has a row of charming, half-timbered houses and cottages and the Castle Inn, all dating from the 16th and 17th centuries. These properties, which form the greater part of the village, were purchased for preservation by the National Trust in 1939.

CHIDDINGSTONE CASTLE. Open Easter to Oct. 31 (except Mons.), 2.0-5.30. Sats., Suns. and Bank Hol. Mons. 11.30-5.30., Suns. (in winter) 2.0-4.0 Admission 2/6d., Children 1/6d. Fishing in the lake in season, 10/- a day.

The hills to the north, in the neighbourhood of Sevenoaks, also have considerable areas owned by the National Trust, including among others, IDE HILL and TOYS HILL near Brasted and ONE TREE HILL near Underriver to the east of the London road. These are some of the best-known viewpoints in Kent.

SEVENOAKS, 10½ miles from Southborough, is a pleasant little market town and is much visited for the lordly mansion and park of KNOLE. This magnificent private house was given to the National Trust by the 4th Lord Sackville in 1946, through whose courtesy pedestrians are admitted to the park any day, free of charge. The house is open to the public from Wednesday to Saturday throughout the year (except January and February) and also on Bank Holidays, 10.0-12.0, 2.0-4.30 (3.30 in winter). Admission, Fridays 5/-. other days 3/-.

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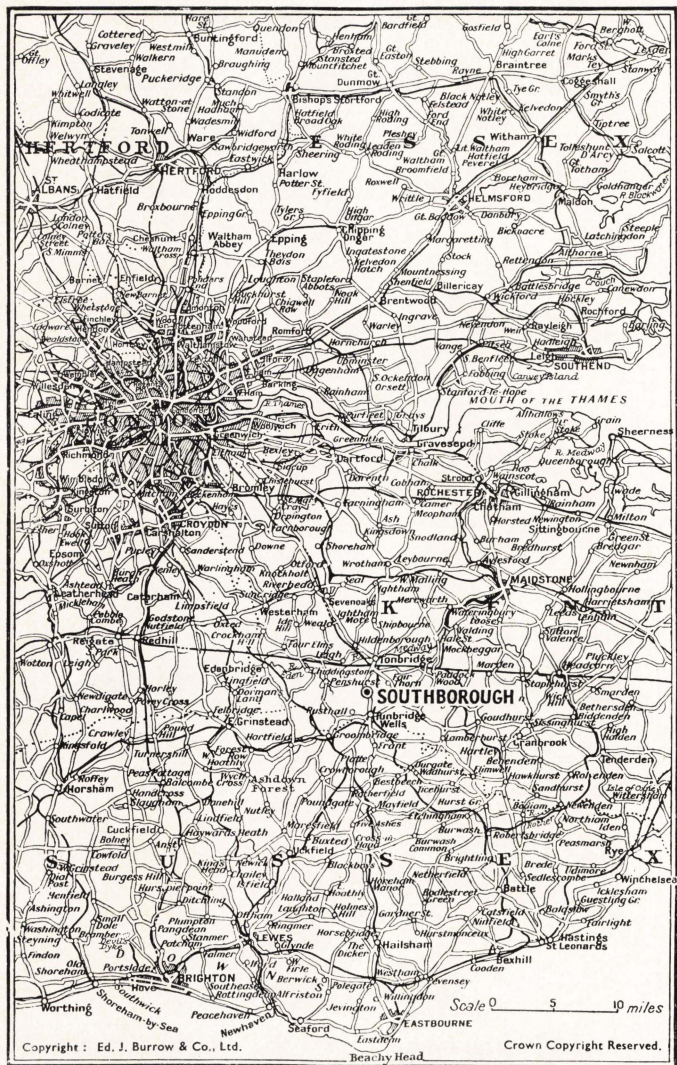
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